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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Eiji KANEHIRA et al
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Art Unit : 3739
Examiner : Michael F. Peffley

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

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S I R :

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2006. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 21, 2007. Therefore, this RCE and Amendment are being timely filed by the one month extended deadline for filing an Appeal Brief of August 21, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Claims 1, 10, 21, 23, 24, 49, 52-54, 61-63 and 65-69 are amended; claims 2-6, 11-20 and 22 and 25-48 are canceled; and claims 7-9, 50, 51, 55-60 and 64 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 14.

This paper is being submitted via
EPC-Web on August 21, 2007

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which payment has not been submitted, or to credit any overpayments, to Account No. 06-1378.